GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FIR under POCSO Act
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons arrested and convicted under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has received complaints with regard to non-registration of such cases by police officials in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has issued guidelines to States and police departments to register FIRs under POCSO Act; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the other measures taken in this regard along with the effort made to improve the conviction rate in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a): As per the information provided by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), a total of 18,651 persons were arrested and 1,072 persons were convicted under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 during 2015. State/UT-wise data during 2014-2015 is enclosed as Annexure − I.
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(b) & (c): National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has received some complaints related to POCSO Act, 2012, in which initial non-registration of cases by the police was mentioned. However, no specific data in this regard is maintained in the Commission.

(d)& (e): Sections 19 and 20 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 per se have adequate provisions of reporting the cases under this Act to the Special Juvenile Police Unit or the local police. Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) and National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) have been creating awareness about existence of the POCSO and provisions thereunder through audio spots over AIR, FM channels and Community Radio, advertisement in print media, casting videos etc. Autonomous bodies under aegis of MWCD also organize diverse awareness camps, training camps, conference etc. Out of the 2049 cases in which trials completed during 2015, 858 cases have been convicted which is 41.9%.
Ministry of Home Affairs has issued Advisories for combating crimes against children which are available on www.mha.nic.in.
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